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# Media Release



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## FATAL COLLISION WITH BICYCLIST 5800 BLOCK OF EAST GRANT ROAD

On October 21, 2011 at approximately 9:15 a.m., the Tucson Police Department responded to a report from the Tucson Fire Department of a collision involving a bicyclist and two vehicles in the 5800 block of East Grant Road. Officers from Operations Division East responded to the scene, which was at the intersection of East Grant Road and North Sahuara Avenue. The bicyclist was transported to a local trauma center, where he succumbed to his injuries at 10:14 a.m. He has been identified as **59-year old John T. Imberg**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Division responded to the location to continue the investigation at the scene. Detectives examined and collected roadway evidence and interviewed witnesses and involved parties. Detectives have determined that Mr. Imberg was riding his bicycle southbound on Sahuara Avenue towards Grant Road. He failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection, and failed to adhere to the posted sign requiring traffic to turn right on Grant Road. Mr. Imberg traveled straight into the westbound lanes of Grant Road in front of a 2008 Honda Civic, which was in the middle lane. The driver of the Civic, an adult male, swerved to the right to avoid the bicyclist, but was unable to completely avoid the collision and struck the rear wheel. Mr. Imberg was knocked to the ground and struck by a 2005 Dodge Stratus, which was westbound in the median lane, driven by an adult male. Neither driver was injured. Mr. Imberg was not wearing a helmet.

There is no indication that excessive speed, alcohol, or drugs were factors in the collision related to the drivers. Toxicology results related to Mr. Imberg are pending the completion of an autopsy.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2010 - 35

10 Pedestrian

3 Bicycle

6 Motorcycle

For 2011 - 36

13 Pedestrian

2 Bicycle

9 Motorcycle

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